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AMEMBASSY CANBERRA

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SUBJECT: CANDIDACY OF FINLAND FOR ELECTION TO UNIDO INDUSTRIAL
DEVELOPMENT BOARD

1. MISSION HAS RECEIVED NOTE DATED AUGUST 23, 1976
FROM FINNISH PERMANENT MISSION TO UNIDO REQUESTING SUPPORT
OF USG FOR ELECTION OF FINLAND TO IDB TO SUCCEED NORWAY
WHOSE PRESENT TERM EXPIRES DEC. 31, 1976. COPY OF
FINNISH NOTE BEING TRANSMITTED DEPT. AND USUN. MISSION
WILL MAKE USUAL FORMAL REPLY.

2. QUESTION OF GROUP B CANDIDATURES FOR ELECTION TO
IDB AT 31ST GA DISCUSSED BRIEFLY AT GROUP B MEETING
AUGUST 17. ONLY POINT OF INTEREST WAS STATEMENT BY
AUSTRALIAN REP THAT CANBERRA WAS GIVING CONSIDERATION TO
POSSIBLE AUSTRALIAN CANDIDACY FOR IDB SEAT. THIS LED TO
EXCHANGE ON WHAT SEAT AUSTRALIANS MIGHT SEEK. VARIOUS
GROUP B REPS NOTED THAT NORDICS DISPORPORTIONATELY
REPRESENTED WITH THREE SEATS, HAVING TAKEN
OVER SEAT INITIALLY OCCUPIED BY CANADA WHEN LATTER
DECIDED NOT TO STAND FOR ELECTION SOME YEARS BACK,
AND THAT SHOULD ANY MEMBER OF THE "OLD COMMONWEALTH"
ENTER ITS CANDIDACY FOR IDB NORDIC REPRESENTATION
WOULD PROBABLY HAVE TO DROP BACK TO TWO.

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3. AUSTRALIAN AMB (FURLONGER) TOLD US TODAY THAT
QUESTION OF AUSTRALIAN CANDIDACY STILL UNDECIDED IN
CANBERRA BUT THAT IT PROBABLY TOO LATE FOR AUSTRALIA
TO MAKE ANY MOVE THIS YEAR
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